

Appl. No. 09/997,205
Amdt. dated October 28, 2003
Reply to Office Action of September 30, 2003

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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 16 remain pending in the instant application. Claims 12-15 have been canceled. No claims have been amended by this response.

In the office action mailed September 30, 2003, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement between the following groups of claims:

Group I claims 1-11 and 16 drawn to microfluidic structures; and

Group II claims 12-15 drawn to methods.

Applicants hereby elect Group I claims 1-11 and 16 without traverse.

Accordingly, non-elected claims 12-15 are hereby canceled without prejudice to filing a divisional application drawn thereto.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully asserted that the application as amended is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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